इसके अलावा, 31 मार्च, 1992 को स्थिति के अनुसार जी०सी०ए० और रूबल रक्षा ऋण क्रमशः 21760 लाख अमेरिकी डालर और 88990 लाख रूबल था । इसके बाद की अवधि की सूचना उपलब्ध नहीं है क्योंकि इस अवधि के लिये लेखों को अभी अंतिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है ।

(ख) वर्ष 1992–93 के दौरान बकाया ऋण पर देय ब्याज की कुल राशि 7356 करोड़ रुपये होने का अनुमान है ।

(ग) जी, नहीं ।

(घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Structure of the proposed NRBI

881. SHRI MOHAMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether is it a fact that RBI/Government propose to establish the National Rural Bank of India shortly in the national interest;

(b) what is the number of Regional Rural Banks which are under operation currently and what is the number of employees on their pay rolls; and

(c) whether 'National Rural Bank of India' would be more or less on the lines of State Bank of India's administering structure, entrusting the powers of control and supervision to 'NABARD"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (c) Government have initiated a process of consultation for restructuring of the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs). A number of models have been worked out and effectiveness of each is being examined from all angles. This also includes the proposal for establishment of a National Rural Bank of India (NRBI) with a view to improve the rural banking system and increase the flow of credit to rural sector. However, no final decision has so far been taken in this regard.

(b) There are 196 RRBs with 14539 branches operating in the country and employing a total staff of 70294 as at the end of March, 1992.

Relaxation granted on imported goods

882. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of facilities allowed by Government recently to the visiting tourists, NRIs and others;

(b) on what terms and conditions NRIs and others have been allowed to bring imported goods with them on their visit to India;

(c) whether Government have decided to delegate the power of extension of the period upto six months to the visiting NRIs and other by the Assistant Collectors of the Airports themselves; and

(d) if so, what are the detail in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The following facilities have been allowed by the Government recently to visiting tourists, NRIs and others;

The effective rate of customs duty on any item imported by incoming passengers as baggage has been reduced to 15 per cent ad valorem from the previous rate 255 per cent ad valorem. However, television sets would be leviable to addition duties equal to the excise duty at the appropriate rate.

A person who was engaged in his profession abroad for over six months will now be entitled to import, free of duty, such portable equipments, instruments,